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The Honorable Everett S. Stovall  
Municipal Court Judge  
City of Lake Jackson Municipal Court  
5 Oak Drive  
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566-5289

OR96-1015

Dear Judge Stovall:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 40364.

The Lake Jackson Municipal Court (the "Court") received a request for "all defendants who were granted permission to take defensive driving from January 30, 1996 to present, April 22, 1996." You contend that the Court is a member of the judiciary and therefore not subject to the Open Records Act. You have submitted a representative sample of the information requested for our review.

It is well established that records of the judiciary, of which the Municipal Court is a part, are not subject to the act. *See* Gov't Code § 552.003(1)(B); Open Records Decision No. 535 (1989). Accordingly, although the requested information may be subject to required public disclosure under common law or other statutory rights of access, the requested information is not available under the Texas Open Records Act.

We are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and may not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Todd Reese", is written over a horizontal line.

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Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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